

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	75396	Agenda Number	45.
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Meeting Date:	9/28/2017	Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the University of Texas at Austin to provide a gentrification, displacement, and mapping study of vulnerable neighborhoods in an amount not to exceed \$69,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of the Financial Services Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Interlocal Agreement
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Prior Council Action:	August 17, 2017 - Council approved resolution 20170817-055.
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MBE / WBE:	This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.
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Additional Backup Information

The contract is for a study of gentrification, displacement, and mapping of vulnerable neighborhood issues within the City by the University of Texas at Austin as directed by Council on August 17, 2017. The study will include sections related to study and data analysis, mapping of vulnerable neighborhoods, and policy tool recommendations. Additionally, the study will focus on unique factors such a race, class, and age and evaluate the risk of displacement and the degree of harm from displacement.

A set of maps will be developed showing changes in the demographic character of Austin neighborhoods, defined as census tracts, over time and the ongoing vulnerability of tenants and homeowners in different neighborhoods to displacement based on best practice methodologies. Displacement will be defined as both direct (rising housing costs beyond the means of current residents) and indirect (inability of similar residents to move into the neighborhood when units turn over). A set of recommended policy tools will be developed to match the range of levels of vulnerability identified that are feasible for use in Austin and compare their utility using a set of locally vetted criteria. The map and underlying analysis will be based on changes between the 2000 Census and years 2012-2016 and will allow viewers to click on particular areas (census tracts) and find the data for that area and links to information about recommended strategies.

A mid-study report will be requested in January 2018 and work is anticipated to be completed on or before August 31, 2018.